

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE BUREAU
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the year in which the Economic Intelligence Bureau was constituted alongwith its present composition;
- (b) the number of cases of inquiry disposed of by the Bureau in the country and abroad during the last three years;
- (c) the extent of annual financial liability of the bureau;
- (d) whether the work of inquiry to be conducted by the bureau is commensurate with its financial liabilities; and
- (e) if not, the steps being taken to improve the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a): Economic Intelligence Bureau was constituted in July 1985. The Bureau has a sanctioned strength of 133 posts headed by Special Secretary and Director General supported by 3 Deputy Directors General and Joint Secretary, 5 Assistant Directors General, 8 Senior Technical Officers, 28 Intelligence Officers, 1 Senior Statistician Grade I, 1 Senior Statistician Grade-II and 2 Investigators.
- (b) No cases are booked by the Bureau. Intelligence collected by the Bureau is passed on to the investigating agency (ies) concerned for further action.
- (c) The provision allotted for the Bureau for the year 2001-2002 was Rs.2.26 crore (budget estimate).
- (d) The work of any Intelligence Agency, including the Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, cannot be assessed in financial terms alone. However, the amounts involved in the cases of fraud, evasion of tax/duty, etc. booked by the investigating agencies on the basis of the intelligence provided by the Bureau exceed the annual financial outlay on the Bureau.
- (e) Does not arise, in view of (d) above.